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Dear Steve,

It was so nice to hear your voice over the telephone the other day. I am mailing this letter to Kevin's address so Charles will not see this letter. Its very important for you to read this letter slowly and reflectively.

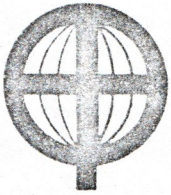
First of all I am very proud of you because you are showing great signs of self-responsibility. I am not with you to hold your hand and tell you what to do. It shows great signs of maturity to be self-responsible for yourself and for your actions. You surely have come along ways in this regard.

I am sorry to hear that Charles went back to his old ways. It shows that it is not God's will that he joins the M.A.P. I will be praying for him that he will fulfill God's will in this world. We should not try to stop him from doing God's will. Surely God does have some great designs for Charles.

We all love Charles, but I feel now that we were hurting him and not helping him. You told me over the phone that Fr. Aloysius wants you to move with Kevin. You know that this is a sure sign of doing God's will. You know the value of obedience. You know that Fr. Aloysius is your spiritual confessor and the Holy Founder of M.A.P. and everthing he says is the will of God. You will not help Charles if you are disobedient. I am sure you love Father and I know you will do what-ever he asks you to do.

I know,if you are with Kevin,you will be a great help to him in working behind the scenes for M.A.P. IN Los Angeles. Be-fore I left Los Angeles, Kevin told me that it was important that he moves away from his family. He could not work secretly for M.A.P. with his family around. It is very important that he moves away, and I feel it is important that you are with him. I feel if you are with Kevin that he will be able to help you an practical and spiritual matters of the world. This will be great training for you which Charles could never give but only hinder you. Also, you may think this is nothing, but you must learn very fine manners in the way you talk, dress, and the way you conduct yourself in front of other people. With Kevin you will be given many key insights in the planning and organizing of M.A.P. This will help you in your formation.

The reason why I am writing this letter is that Mom and Dad were worry about you being all alone in California. I assured them you were in good hands with Kevin. If you go back home this summer, they may be very upset that you are not with Kevin, and they will try to force you back home. You know how unhappy you would be there. You told me many times that you would never be happy there. If you do go back, it is your own fault. I know Mom and Dad



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I know Mom and Dad were very impress with Kevin. They saw how Father and Kevin had help me. If they see that same change in you, then they will not try to stop you. You must prove to them that you have change for the best, and that you are totally committed in what you are doing and what you are working for...The M.A.P.

I believe the best way to help Charles is do the same in what we did with Jim Conlan. ~~The same goes for Charles.~~ I can see ^{Charles} ~~he~~ is always relying on you and Tony Apaia. Just like Jim rely on Tony and me. If you really want to help Charles, you must force him out and let him get on his own two feet. If not, he may drag you down with him. Jim Conlan did the same to me. I am sure you remmember. It was very good that both Jim and Charles came to us when they did. They really needed that help at the beginning. Now that they are some what on their feet, they must do the rest themselves. Otherwise, they will always rely on you or whoever. I am sure that Tony will help Charles as he helped Jim. I believe God used us as instruments in bringing Charles and Jim to Tony.

I know this will be a hard sacrifice for you. I will be praying for you. I hope you will do everything your spiritual father asks of you. Put your full trust in Kevin. Ask him for advice in this matter also. Remember he is your friend and he loves you very much. Consult again Fr. Aloysius on this matter. Since you told me Father wants you to move with Kevin, then this is God's will for you. Father and Kevin will help you so Charles feeling will not be hurt.

I know you will think over everything carefully in what I have said in this letter. I know you will make the right decision. I love you and I want to give your whole heart to M.A.P. I believe Kevin is doing a wonderful job behind the scenes in California. With out him M.A.P. would not be growing as fast as it is. You must give your whole self to M.A.P., and help Kevin all you can. Believe me M.A.P. is growing fast and Kevin cannot do it all by himself. Again, I know you will do whatever Father and Kevin asks you to do. I will be praying for you.

God Bless you and May Mary Smile upon you
Pray ^{that} ~~for~~ my studies go well
I hope to hear from you soon
Love and Prayers

P.S. Tear this letter up
so Charles will not see it.

August

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